

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0049] with the following rewritten version:

[0049] The tubular clamping member 36 includes a first attachment end 36a, a second attachment end 36b and a band section 36c extending between the attachment ends 36a and 36b to form a split S between the first and second attachment ends 36a and 36b, as seen in Figure 7. A bolt 42a and a nut 42b couple the attachment ends 36a and 36b together to mount the tubular clamping member 36 on the handlebar 14. Specifically, the nut 42b is non-rotatably coupled to the second attachment end 36b, while the bolt 42a is rotatably coupled to the first attachment end 36a. Thus, rotation of the bolt 42a causes the attachment ends 36a and 36b to move toward each other to reduce the effective inner diameter of a curved mounting surface 36d of the band section 36c. The curved surface 36d contacts the outer surface of the handlebar 14. Accordingly, the tubular clamping member 36 is clamped onto the handlebar 14.

Please replace paragraph [0061] with the following rewritten version:

[0061] The cover element 66 includes a substantially T-shaped longitudinal projection (mating mounting structure) 68 with a longitudinally extending threaded blind bore 68a extending from an end surface 68b that is configured to threadedly receive the threaded fastener 34 therein. The projection 68 preferably has a cross-sectional shape identical or substantially identical to the cross-sectional shape of the recess 52 of the switch mounting structure 38 such that the projection 68 constitutes a mating mounting structure that cooperates with the switch mounting structure 38 so as to be slidably removable but retained. In other words, the projection 68 is configured to be slid into the recess 52 until the end surface 68b of the projection 68 contacts the abutment member 48. In this (retained) position, the projection (mating mounting structure) 68 is retained in the recess 52 except in the direction of sliding movement. The fastener 34 is then inserted through the hole 48a of the abutment member 48 into the threaded hole 68a to couple the electrical switch portion 32 to the handlebar mounting portion 30. In other words, after the fastener 34 couples the electrical switch portion 32 to the handlebar mounting portion 30, the electrical switch portion 32 is non-movable relative to the handlebar mounting portion 30. However, if the fastener 34 is subsequently removed, the electrical switch portion 32 is slidable relative to

and removable from the handlebar mounting portion 30 (slidable from a retained position to a detached position), without removing the handlebar mounting portion 30 from the handlebar 14.

Please replace paragraph [0064] with the following rewritten version:

[0064] Preferably, a bearing assembly 78 is positioned between the housing 60 and the pivot shaft 72 such that the operating member 61 pivots or rotates smoothly about a rotational operating axis or pivot axis X. Preferably, the pivot axis X of the operating member 61 is non-parallel to a center axis C of the transverse portion T of the handlebar 14. The pivot axis X preferably intersects the curved mounting surface 36d of the tubular clamping portion 36 such that the operating member 61 is disposed on an opposite side of a plane P from the split S. The plane P is perpendicular to the operating axis X and passes through the center axis C of the transverse portion T of the handlebar 14, as best seen in Figure 7.